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CONTINGENCY PLAN (ACP)

Ref: (a) Baltimore Area Contingency Plan dated 17 Dec 96

1. This plan provides a mechanism for coordinating responses to releases of oil or hazardous materials within the Upper Chesapeake Bay Estuary Area. The Upper Chesapeake Estuary Area Committee developed this Area Contingency Plan, in accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. U.S. Coast Guard Activities Baltimore and the Maryland Department of Environment co-chair the Area Committee; other federal, state, and local agencies participate as members.
2. This edition of the Area Contingency Plan incorporates an Incident Command System (ICS) format using the guidelines of National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS) ICS. In addition to the new format, numerous revisions have been included to make this plan more complete, up-to-date, and useful to both the planner and responder.
3. The Area Committee will continue to revise and improve the ACP. Comments and recommendations regarding this plan are welcome and should be addressed to any member agency on the Area Committee. Recommendations for changes will be addressed during regularly scheduled Area Committee meetings.
4. This plan is effective upon receipt and supercedes reference (a).

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